GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TOURISM AND CULTURE
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INSURANCE COVER TO TOURISTS
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Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether most insurance firms in the developed countries are denying insurance cover to tourists who propose to travel to India resulting in mass cancellation of pre-booked trips;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government have taken any corrective measures to ease the situation;

(d) if so, the details thereof: and

(e) if not, the reasons therefore?

Answer

MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI JAGMOHAN)

(a) and (b): No, Sir, Insurance Companies do provide insurance to the tourists visiting India but in view of the terrorists attack on WTC in New York (USA) and the U.S attack on Afghanistanand terrorist attack on Information Centre in Kolkataand travel advisories issued against travel to India due to cross border tension in the region, Insurance firms in some of the developed countries had denied insurance cover to tourist visiting India.

(c) and (d): Yes, Sir. Ministry of Tourism has started a Re-assurance Campaign through Press Conferences, Travel Trade Briefings, Seminars, Workshops, Internet and Print media/Road Shows in primary markets and support of Indian MissionsEleven new niche promotional products have been chosen and the brochures on these will be distributed soon. The electronic media campaign is also under consideration.

(e): Does not arise.